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The Breconian.

EDITORIAL.

ONCE more it is our duty and our privilege to occupy the Editorial chair. We therefore put before our readers another number of *The Breconian*, omitting those lamentations from the Editorial pen which appear customary.

At the time of going to press, the Sports, the most important event of the term, have not yet been run. We hear there are several likely candidates for the Challenge Cup; the competition should therefore be keen, especially as last year's Victor Ludorum has left us. We hope for favourable conditions, good times, and success to the best man.

Passing on to the events of this rather uneventful term, we have to record a Hockey Season as successful as usual. Of the eight matches played we have won five, drawn one, and lost two.

At the beginning of the term we were favoured with plenty of opportunities for skating, though the frost of course broke up directly the National Skating Union fixed a date for their championships. The weird efforts of certain members of the School to master this art were a frequent source of amusement to spectators.

The Steeplechases were run off on Saturday, March 16th, in rather unpleasant weather. Last year's record times were therefore not dangerously threatened.

There seems to be every prospect of a successful Cricket Season next term; we hope the weather will be as favourable as it was last summer. We shall probably have six old colours, who should form a solid nucleus for the promising material available.

We note with pleasure that W. E. Jones (O.B.) scored two goals for Wales against England at Hockey. We offer him our sincerest congratulations, both on his selection, and on his success.

OXFORD LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR—

Have you heard about the Coal Strike? It seems the only possible theme for a letter such as this; so I will say no more about it. If you really want news of Oxford and its Breconians, I am afraid you will be disappointed with this letter, as I am in the same position myself. This is a riddle, so you had better give it up at once.

The three prodigies of learning, who have now become "gentlemen of the fourth year," are reported to be working, and thus become automatically valueless and uninteresting. H. T. Eddershaw has been acting as captain of his College Hockey XI.

C. E. Sladden is also going to take Final Schools next term and has therefore reluctantly abandoned the flesh pots of the training table. Brecon is now unrepresented on the river, though the stentorian voice of S. T. Phillips on the tow path during "Togger" week is not soon forgotten.

I met J. V. Rees on the football field recently and made that burly Harlequin see stars. At least I suppose he saw them—I did. Perhaps his recent experience as a collector of taxes had left him rather irritable. Personally I should not like the task of extracting half-crowns from fourteen undergraduates. However, I must return to *mes moulons*, which brings me of course to Denny. That genial Irishman has been playing the game with which he used to delight us during the Hockey term at Brecon. He has assisted in forming a club which gives him an excuse for wearing a tie, the colours of which should not be mentioned in a respectable Magazine like *The Breconian*.

J. Ll. T. Davies has again been in ill-health, but has occasionally been seen on the Rugger Field. There are also rumours of his skill with the cue. Has Brecon ever been represented on the 'Varsity Billiard Table?

I called on Ivor Evans the other day. He has been rather overwhelmed with visits this term and asks me to state that he is changing his "digs" next term.

Having successfully deceived the Moderators at Christmas, he is now resting on his laurels before commencing the arduous slacking of the summer term. Investigation has failed to bring to light anything very difficult about D. P. S. Griffiths; so readers of *The Breconian* must remain unenlightened, but doubtless our mutual ignorance covers a multitude of — things.

Howell has recently been grappling with the demon of Fansee Sox, from which combat he has not emerged scatheless. He is alternately the joy and the sorrow of the Soccer and Rugger Captains respectively, but the latter has recently scored a point by giving him his colours. I saw Kemp playing Rugger for Exeter recently. He made a praiseworthy, though unsuccessful attempt to break his collar bone, what time G. E. Morgan cavorted on the wing waiting for the pass which never came. These two, together with the learned scholar of B.N.C., have been let loose together on the Upper River. Their exploits are the talk of Oxford.

H. B. Davies has recently acquired the air of an earnest seeker after Knowledge. This may be due to his hard work for "Divvers," but we rather expect something more fantastical. He plays Rugger regularly for Keble, taking up a semi-detached position at the base of the scrum.

It is such a long time since I started this letter that it has grown considerably. So I will conclude with best wishes for a successful Sports Day. As this is Leap Year, there should be records broken in all the jumps.

Yours, etc.,

OXFORD O.B.

The connection between Christ College, Brecon, and Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity.

Among the many noteworthy names connected with Christ College, not the least noteworthy is that of *Walter Travers*, for it was owing to him that Hooker wrote his famous work of Ecclesiastical Polity.

From a Return relating to the College made in 1569, we find that in that year Walter Travers held "the Prebend of St. Harmon's in the College of Brecon," and that he was then a student at the University. Archbishop Whitgift writing in 1584 gives the following account of Travers' subsequent career:—"He is to no man better known, I think, than to myself. I did elect him fellow of Trinity College, being before rejected by Dr. Beaumont for his intolerable stomach, whereof I had also afterwards such experience that I was forced by due punishment so to weary him, till he was fain to travel, and depart from the College to Geneva. Otherwise he should have been expelled for want of conformity towards the orders of the house, and for his *pertinacy*. Neither was there ever any under our Government, in whom I found less submission and humility than in him."

From Geneva he went to Antwerp, and was there ordained by Villiers, Cartwright, and others, heads of a congregation there, and is said to have written a somewhat unorthodox book called "*De Disciplina Ecclesiastica*." Eventually he returned to England, and was appointed Evening Lecturer at the Temple. He also became Domestic Chaplain to Lord Burghley, and a tutor to the latter's son, afterwards Earl of Salisbury. On the death of Dr. Alvie, the Master of the Temple, in 1584, much influence was exerted to obtain for Travers the Mastership, but his former unruly conduct told against him, and the "judicious Hooker" was elected to the vacant post, Travers continuing in his office of Evening Lecturer.

Thus it came to pass that Hooker and Travers met, and crossed controversial swords. Travers preached with "with great approbation, especially of some citizens and the younger gentlemen of the Temple," and was of competent learning. But he was imbued with the doctrines of Geneva, and had a "particular hope" to set up those doctrines in the Temple, and publicly in his sermons opposed the accepted doctrines as preached by Hooker. "Insomuch," we are told, "that as St. Paul withstood St. Peter to his face, so did they withstand each other in their sermons." Old Fuller, with his usual pithiness of expression, says, "The pulpit spake pure Canterbury in the morning, and Geneva in the afternoon, until Travers was silenced." For the Archbishop intervened to put an end to such an undesirable state of affairs, and prohibited Travers from preaching. Hooker then found it necessary to give a public answer to Travers' theories, for his own justification, and published his far-famed Ecclesiastical Polity.

As to Travers, he became Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, but when the Irish wars broke out, he returned to England, where he lived very obscurely till his death. He bequeathed all his books of Oriental languages ("wherein he was exquisite") and plate, worth £50, to Sion College. In spite of all, Hooker had a sincere esteem for him, saying, "I believe him to be a good man."

FOOTBALL.

Christ College v. I. A. Thomas' XV. — This match, in which several O.B.'s took part, was played on Wednesday, December 6th. Early in the morning the ground was covered with a hard frost, and consequently, after a thaw had set in, the ground was in a very slippery condition. The School team was greatly weakened by the absence of E. F. Thomas from the forwards and Gibbon from the backs. The visitors kicked off, and Cooper replied for the School with a useful kick into touch. Play settled down near the half-way line for a short time, but at length the visiting forwards rushed to the School line, where one of them picked up and crossed over with a try, which was not converted. Soon afterwards V. G. Davies got clean away for the School, and made a good run to the visitors' twenty-five, where he was pulled down by G. Green, O.B. The School thus gained a good attacking position, and the backs made several worthy efforts to score. The visitors were then penalized, and Cooper kicked an excellent penalty goal almost from the touch line, thus equalising the scores. Almost immediately afterwards the visitors were again penalized in front of their goal, and Cooper had no difficulty in landing another goal. The School still kept up the attack and the ball going to V. G. Davies, the latter ran to the visitors' twenty-five before passing to Cooper, who dropped the ball at the critical moment. A few minutes before half-time Parker was badly fouled about ten yards from the visitors' line, and a penalty was given to the School. Cooper kicked a third goal with his usual skill. Before half-time was called, the visitors invaded the School territory with a rush, and one of their forwards dribbled over the line and scored an unconverted try. Early in the second half the visitors again pressed and scored a try, which was not improved upon. The School forwards then took the ball to their opponents' line, and Cooper scored a try in the corner, which he failed to convert. After this the best try of the match was scored by V. G. Davies, after a fine opening made by Lewis. Cooper failed to convert from a difficult angle. The School had every prospect of winning now, but two more tries, which were not converted, were scored for the visitors by Tudor and the scrum half, which brought their score on a level with that of the School. Time was called with the School pressing on their opponents' twenty-five. The score was 15 points all. The display of the School was not one of their best, but this was largely due to their 'staleness' after the hard struggle of the previous week. The chief feature of a rather dull game was the excellent kicking of Cooper. The following represented the School: — (back) H. S. Davies; (three-quarter backs) V. G. Davies, W. L. Hoskins, L. G. Lewis, and R. Yendoll; (half-backs) L. Baker-Jones and G. Parker; (forwards) J. Cooper, A. J. Ll. Rees, I. S. Jenkins, A. B. G. Biggerton-Evans, P. D. Evans Jones, P. C. Matthews, R. Green, and D. C. Thomas.

Christ College v. Ystradgynlais.—This match was played on Saturday, March 2nd. It is rather an unusual thing to play a football match in the Easter term, but the departure from the usual custom was gratifying to all the School. The School were without the services of H. S. Davies at full back, and of Gibbon at three quarter. Ystradgynlais fielded a very strong side, especially at forward. The School kicked off against the wind, and play settled down for a time somewhere near the half-way line. In the first few scrummages the School gained possession of the ball, and the three-quarters made several efforts to break through the opposing line, but almost every time they met with a stout resistance. For the next quarter of an hour neither side gained much advantage, and play was chiefly confined to the forwards, when just before half-time a good forward rush by the Ystradgynlais forwards culminated in one of them scoring a try, which was not improved upon. Early in the second half the visiting forwards put their side in a good attacking position, but the School defended their line well for a good time. At length, however, after a scramble almost on the line, the opposing half picked up and got over with a second try. The kick, although a very good one, failed. After this reverse the School played a more vigorous and open game, and the result was most satisfactory. V. G. Davies scored the first try in fine style, after individual efforts by Cooper and Thomas. Cooper converted with his customary skill and ease. The School kept up the attack, and a second try was soon scored by V. G. Davies again after an excellent bout of passing. Cooper failed with the kick. Ystradgynlais then made desperate efforts to score, their forwards especially making several dangerous rushes, but the School managed to prevent them from scoring, and brought play again to the visitors' 25. The School again came within inches of scoring after a sparkling bout of passing by the backs, V. G. Davies being only just tackled a yard or two from the line. However, the chance of scoring was not altogether lost, for Lewis immediately seized an opportunity of dribbling over the line and touched down in the corner. The angle, even for Cooper, was too difficult, and the kick failed. Nothing worthy of note happened again during the remainder of the game, and time was called with play in the visitors' territory. Final score: School, 11 points; Ystradgynlais, 6 points. One could never wish for a more enjoyable and cleanly contested game, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the fixture will be a permanent one. Play, especially in the second half, was fast, open, and exciting, and the issue was in the balance for well over two-thirds of the game. For the School A. B. Price played a sound game at full back, while V. G. Davies, Lewis, Baker Jones, Hoskins, and Parker, were prominent among the other backs. The forwards played very well throughout, except at one period of the game when they were heeling badly. The Ystradgynlais forwards played a great game, and their only fault was a tendency to pick up in the scrum, while their backs, if not fast, were certainly sound and deadly tacklers. The School were represented by:—(back) A. B. Price; (three-quarters) V. G. Davies, W. L. Hoskins, L. G. Lewis, R. Yendoll; (half-backs) G. Parker, L. Baker-Jones; (forwards) E. F. Thomas, J. Cooper, A. J. Ll. Rees, I. S. Jenkins, P. C. Matthews, P. D. Evans Jones, A. B. G. Biggerton Evans, and D. C. Thomas.

HOCKEY SEASON, 1912.

Much was hoped at the beginning of the Season from the transference of the hockey ground to the cricket field, but the weather has never really given the experiment a fair chance. Heavy as the ground has been, it is certainly more level than the football field, and consequently should encourage good stick-work. It is hoped that this will soon supersede the indiscriminate hitting, which has been too much in evidence in all the School Hockey this year.

The past season was quite a satisfactory one, as will be seen from the record of the XI. Eight matches were played, of which 5 were won, 2 lost and 1 drawn. At the beginning of the season the School XI gave great promise, but latterly its play has not been so good. Unfortunately our School match with Hereford Cathedral School, which is by far the most important and interesting match on the fixture card, was scratched.

Reynolds carried out his duties in goal very skilfully. The backs, although rather wild, were a very hard pair to beat, especially Gibbon. The half-backs were a persevering trio and fed their forwards well. G. M. O. Evans has been conspicuous in almost all matches and deserves special mention. The forwards on the whole were a useful combination. Baker-Jones, although not an ideal centre-forward, certainly kept the line well together. Hoskins, who was the cleverest forward, both in dribbling and shooting, has developed into quite a dangerous player. Rees was a very fair outside right, using his pace well, and at times sending in some good centres. The right wing was a better combination than the left.

Judging from the results, the Hockey XI seems to have been up to the average. Cooper has been an energetic and enthusiastic captain.

Our best thanks are due to Messrs. Munns, Donaldson, Hill, Isitt and Robinson for playing regularly throughout the term.

The House Matches were very interesting, especially the final between the Hostel and School House A.—M., which was an excellent game, perhaps the best of the term.

There seems to be no lack of good material in the junior lower games, and there is every prospect of a fair team next season.

THE HOCKEY XI., 1912.

- E. L. REYNOLDS (goal-keeper).—At the beginning of the season gave promise of becoming a really good goal-keeper, but has rather fallen off. Still he has played some very useful games and never let his side down.
- E. R. GIBBON (right back).—Quite a clever back, but too inclined to rough play. Has been of great use to the XI.
- E. F. THOMAS (left back).—Has played well throughout the season. Hits hard and cleanly, if at times rather wildly.
- A. B. G. BIGGERTON EVANS (right half).—Very slow, but tries very hard; must learn to keep his place; is clumsy and inclined to give "sticks."
- J. COOPER (centre half).—A worrying and untiring rather than skilful player. Has played some good games, but is inclined to hit too hard. Rather slow for a centre half and would be better at back.
- G. M. O. EVANS (left half).—A very good defensive player; skilful with his stick; by far the most polished player in the team; feeds his forwards well.
- A. J. LL. REES (outside right).—Quite a fast outside; centres hard and dribbles well; has occasionally shot with success.
- W. L. HOSKINS (inside right).—The best forward in the team. An excellent shot and dribbler; very skilful with his stick. Is at his best on a wet day.
- L. BAKER JONES (centre forward).—Rather disappointing. Is too slow in the ring. Dribbles well, and keeps his line together, but is not bustling enough and neglects his left wing.
- H. S. DAVIES (inside left).—Quite a useful forward, but must learn to keep his place. Has combined fairly well with his outside, and at times shot successfully.
- R. YENDOLL (outside left).—A much improved player; very tricky with his stick and in dribbling. Centres fairly well, but is apt to wait too long.

HOCKEY MATCHES.

Christ College v. Rev. A. E. Donaldson's XI.—This, our first match, was played on the School Ground on Wednesday, January 31st, and resulted in a win for the School by 8 goals to 4. An innovation was introduced this year, the first game pitch being changed from the football to the cricket field. Owing to the recent sharp frosts the ground was very hard, and hence good dribbling was, to say the least, difficult, while hard hitting on the part of the backs was dangerous. During the first half the School had a little the better of play, and the rushes of the opposing forwards were repeatedly broken up by the School backs. Gibbon and Thomas were especially prominent. During the second half, after a short time, the School forwards settled down and practically monopolised the game, scoring three goals in rapid succession. Their passing and general combination showed good promise for the season, and quite a feature of the game was Reynolds' plucky play in goal. For the School Gibbon, G. M. O. Evans and Hoskins were always to the fore, while Messrs. Munns, Donaldson and Hill played well for the visitors. The following represented the School: (goal) E. L. Reynolds; (backs) E. R. Gibbon, and E. F. Thomas; (half-backs) G. M. O. Evans, J. Cooper, and A. B. G. Biggerton Evans; (forwards) R. Yendoll, H. S. Davies, L. Baker-Jones, W. L. Hoskins, and A. J. Ll. Rees

Christ College v. Brecon Sports Club.—This match was played on the School Ground on February 7th. During the morning rain had fallen incessantly, and it continued during the whole game, and hence conditions were not conducive to good hockey. Frequently the ball had to be dug out of the mud. The School forwards quickly adapted themselves to the weather conditions, and after individual efforts by Baker-Jones and Hoskins, Yendoll scored the first goal for the School with a good shot from the wing. From the bully-off the same player scored again, with practically the same kind of shot. Play of a give and take character ensued, until the Sports Club scored just before half-time. Quickly changing over, the School forwards, ably backed up by G. M. O. Evans and Thomas, practically monopolised the game, and scored four goals in rapid succession. Time came as a regular blessing, leaving the School victors by 6-1. The following represented the School:—(goal), E. L. Reynolds; (backs), E. R. Gibbon and E. F. Thomas; (half-backs) G. M. O. Evans, J. Cooper, and A. B. G. Biggerton Evans; (forwards), R. Yendoll, H. S. Davies, L. Baker-Jones, W. L. Hoskins, and A. J. Ll. Rees.

Christ College v. Swansea.—This match was played on the School ground on Saturday, February 10th. As the School had as yet maintained a ground record, and the visitors were regarded as one of our strongest opponents, the match was looked forward to with considerable interest. From the opening bully the Swansea forwards, who were very fast at dribbling, got away, and after penning us up in our "25," their left wing scored with a good shot from the side. The School now got together, and

by a determined forward rush carried play down to the other end of the field, and Rees scored a good goal from a difficult angle. Half time was then called with the score one all. On the resumption of play, the School forwards got off with characteristic dash, but the Swansea back brought relief, and enabled Richards, their inside right, to get away and score an easy goal. The defence of the School backs seemed demoralised at this point, and Swansea scored twice in quick succession. There were now not many minutes left, but the School rose to the occasion and soon scored three times, and thus an exciting game ended in a draw. For the School Reynolds was sound, while Thomas was the outstanding figure at full-back. G. M. O. Evans was the pick of the halves, and Hoskins of the forwards. The following represented the School:— (goal) E. L. Reynolds; (backs) E. R. Gibbon and E. F. Thomas; (half-backs) G. M. O. Evans, J. Cooper, and A. B. G. Biggerton Evans; (forwards) R. Yendoll, H. S. Davies, L. Baker-Jones, W. L. Hoskins, and A. J. Ll. Rees.

Christ College v. The Depot.—This match was played on the School ground on Wednesday, February 14th. From the opening bully the Depot got away and penned us in our "25." Tricker, however, was penalised for off-side tactics, and Gibbon brought relief. The School forwards now got together, and were frequently in the circle, but seemed slow and unable to find the net. Rees was very unlucky with two good shots from the wing. The Depot forwards got away, and beating our backs in pace, after a scramble in the goal mouth, Morgan scored a doubtful goal. Half-time was then called with the School one goal down. When play was resumed, the School seemed to play with more dash, and Davies scored. With the score now equal, play became fast and exciting, hard hitting on the part of the Depot backs being especially prominent. The School forwards then abandoned short passing and relied on individual play. The result was most refreshing, for Davies quickly scored, and his example was followed shortly afterwards by Baker-Jones (2) and Hoskins (2). Time was then called with the score 6-1 in favour of the School. The display of the School during the first half was rather disappointing, especially considering the excellent weather conditions. During the second half, however, they improved considerably, and towards the end quite demoralised the Depot defence. The following represented the School:— (goal) E. L. Reynolds; (backs) E. R. Gibbon and E. F. Thomas; (half-backs) G. M. O. Evans, J. Cooper, and A. B. G. Biggerton Evans; (forwards) R. Yendoll, H. S. Davies, L. Baker-Jones, W. L. Hoskins, and A. J. Ll. Rees.

Christ College v. Brecon Sports Club.—This match was played on the Sports Club Ground on Saturday, February 17th. The Town were determined, if possible, to avenge their previous defeat, and had enlisted the services of T. Phillips (O.B.), a Welsh Hockey International. Baker Jones was unable to play for the School owing to injury, and Mr. Munns took his place. As soon as play started, the School forwards got away and assumed a good attacking position, but Stephens and Phillips relieved, and a dangerous rush was made to the School goal. Thomas soon cleared, and Mr. Munns cutting through on his own put the School

one up. Shortly afterwards, the Brecon right wing equalized with a lofty shot from the corner. Play of a very scrappy nature ensued, and seemed mostly to be a duel in hitting between the opposing backs. Just before half-time, Mr. Munns scored again, from a good centre by Yendoll. Half-time was then called with the score 2-1 in favour of the School. On re-starting, Brecon infused considerable dash into their play, and Phillips brought the score level with a powerful shot from a corner. Mr. Munns, however, then scored again, ably helped by Hoskins. The School were now continually on the attack, and shortly afterwards through Mr. Munns the School scored once again. Time was then called, leaving the School victors by 4-2. The following represented the School:—(Goal), E. L. Reynolds; (backs), E. R. Gibbon and E. F. Thomas; (half-backs), G. M. O. Evans, J. Cooper, and A. B. G. Biggerton Evans; (forwards), R. Yendoll, H. S. Davies, Mr. Munns, W. L. Hoskins, and A. J. L. Rees.

Christ College v. R. D. G. Munns' XI—This match was played on the School ground on Wednesday, February 21st. The Scratch XI. started playing towards the School, and their forwards were pressing dangerously, when Mr. Hill got the ball, and dribbling on his own up the centre scored the Scratch team's first goal. For some time it was "anybody's game," both sides attacking alternately, but the Scratch team shewed rather more sting and cleverness. The School, however, scored through Hoskins, just before half-time. Immediately on re-starting Mr. Munns made a fine individual effort and scored, thus giving his own side the advantage. Play of a ding dong character ensued for a short time. Then the School seemed to lose heart, and the Scratch team added three goals in a comparatively short time, and could have scored more, if they had not been handicapped by bad shooting. Towards the end the School shewed some of their old form, and scored twice before time was called. This was our first defeat of the season, and had we been in reasonable form, we probably would never have sustained it. As it was the defence was weaker, and rather more erratic than usual, and the forwards, with the notable exception of Hoskins, were not together, and were weak in the ring. The following represented the School:—(goal) E. L. Reynolds; (backs) E. R. Gibbon and E. F. Thomas; (half-backs) G. M. O. Evans, J. Cooper, and A. B. G. Biggerton Evans; (forwards) R. Yendoll, H. S. Davies, L. Baker-Jones, W. L. Hoskins, and A. J. L. Rees.

Christ College v. Neath.—This match was played on the School Ground on Saturday, February 24th. The School were without the services of Rees, whose place was filled by L. G. Lewis. As soon as play commenced the visitors showed they possessed a smart set of forwards, and hence they assumed a good attacking position, but were weak at shooting. They kept us penned in our own twenty-five practically all the first half, and scored three times. After half-time they again assumed the offensive, and soon added another goal to their credit. The School now tried independent tactics, with no small success. Before long Hoskins after a fine individual effort scored. The same player netted again. The improvement, however, was rather too late, and soon fell off, and just before time the visitors scored again. The game considering

the almost ideal weather conditions was not a good one. The School were rather inclined to take matters too easily at the start, and spurted when it was too late. The following represented the School :—(Goal), E. L. Reynolds ; (backs), E. R. Gibbon and E. F. Thomas ; (half-backs), G. M. O. Evans, J. Cooper, and A. B. G. Biggerton Evans ; (forwards), L. G. Lewis, W. L. Hoskins, L. Baker Jones, H. S. Davies, and R. Yendoll.

Christ College v. The Depot.—This, our second fixture with this team, was played on the Depot Ground on Saturday, February 28th. The weather had been very bad for a few days previous to the match, and rain was falling heavily practically all the way through the game. Consequently the ground was in a very sodden condition. H. S. Davies was unable to turn out for the School owing to injury, and his place was taken by Mr. Munns. The Depot started attacking, and before long scored through Tricker. The School woke up after the reverse, and very soon turned the tables. Hoskins, who seemed quite at home under the the adverse conditions, executed some brilliant dribbles, and scored three times before half time. Baker Jones was responsible for another goal just before half-time. During the second half there was only one team in it, and though only three more goals were secured, two of them by Hoskins, it is by no means a fair estimate of the play. It was extremely difficult for anybody to shoot, owing to the huge pool in the goal mouth. Altogether the victory of the School was a most convincing one. Hoskins was by far the best player on the field, and if anything excelled his usual good form. The following represented the School :—(Goal), E. L. Reynolds ; (backs), E. R. Gibbon and E. F. Thomas ; (half-backs), G. M. O. Evans, J. Cooper, and A. B. G. Biggerton Evans ; (forwards), A. J. L. Rees, W. L. Hoskins, L. Baker Jones, Mr Munns, and R. Yendoll.

HOUSE MATCHES.

The Hostel v. School House (N.-Z.)—Hostel, 8 ; N.-Z., 0. This game was played on Tuesday, March 5th. The Hostel easily outplayed their somewhat diminutive opponents forward, and hence soon ran up the above score. Hoskins was in very good form for the Hostel, while E. F. Thomas, R. Yendoll and G. M. O. Evans were towers of strength for the losers.

School House (N.Z.) v. A.-M.—A.-M., 9 ; N.-Z., 0. This match was played on Thursday, March 7th. A.-M., as anticipated, won easily, though they by no means had matters their own way during the first half. The play of the smaller members of the N.-Z. side, particularly Watson and Perkins, was a distinct feature of both this game and that between N.-Z. and the Hostel.

The Hostel v. A.M.—Hostel, 6 ; A.-M., 2. This was the final house-tie and was looked forward to with considerable interest, as on paper the teams seemed fairly well matched. In actual play, however, the Hostel forwards and full-backs were much superior to those of their opponents. Hoskins for the Hostel was brilliant all through and was indefatigably backed up by Rees and L. G. Lewis. For the losers Cooper was the outstanding figure.

FIVES COMPETITIONS.

THE HOUSE CUP.

The Hostel (A. J. Ll. Rees and R. S. Davies) beat the School House (J. Cooper and E. R. Gibbon), 15-5, 18-13.

As the Day Boys did not enter a pair, this was the only match. The holders won the first game easily enough, but were fully extended in the next. Cooper and Gibbon fought hard and well, but the winners' superior steadiness carried them through.

THE SINGLES.—1st Round.

E. R. Gibbon	beat	Evans-Jones	...	scratched.
E. F. Thomas	"	Johns	...	15-1, 15-3.
The rest had byes.				

2nd Round.

E. R. Gibbon	beat	Robertson	...	15-6, 15-0.
Biggerton-Evans	"	S. K. Davies	...	scratched.
J. W. Gibbon	"	Cooper	...	15-13, 18-13.
D. C. Thomas	"	Matthews	...	15-2, 15-1.
Baker Jones	"	A. B. Price	...	15-2, 15-0.
R. S. Davies	"	E. F. Thomas	...	scratched.
I. S. Jenkins	"	Hoskins	...	15-7, 15-3.
A. J. Ll. Rees	"	Gifford	...	15-0, 15-0.
The rest had byes.				

3rd Round.

G. M. O. Evans	beat	H. E. Thomas	...	15-1, 15-0.
R. S. Davies	"	Biggerton-Evans	...	15-0, 15-0.
D. C. Thomas	"	I. S. Jenkins	...	15-4, 14-18, 15-9.

A very well contested game for which both players deserved much credit.

The rest had byes.

4th Round.

J. W. Gibbon	beat	Baker Jones	...	15-7, 15-6.
A. J. Ll. Rees	"	E. R. Gibbon	...	15-7, 15-7.
D. C. Thomas	"	G. M. O. Evans	...	scratched.
R. S. Davies	"	H. S. Davies	...	15-3, 15-2.

Semi-Final.

J. W. Gibbon	beat	D. C. Thomas	...	15-5, 13-18, 15-9.
A. J. Ll. Rees	"	R. S. Davies	...	15-9, 15-9.

Final.

A. J. Ll. Rees	beat	J. W. Gibbon	...	15-5, 15-7.
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THE STEEPLECHASES.

These annual events took place on Saturday, March 16th. The weather was rather cold and disagreeable to the spectator, but on the whole not unfavourable to running and the conditions under feet were certainly very much better than in many past years. Though much good running was seen, it can hardly be said that either race was exactly exciting, as in each case the victory of the first man was too pronounced. The times were good, although last year's records were not lowered.

The Junior Race started at 2-30, and from the start Akrill Jones was never very seriously threatened. He ran in good style and finished easily ahead of the field. Perkins, who seems to possess the merit of being able to run at the same pace all the way round, did very well to be second; and E. Apthomas was a somewhat unexpected, but most creditable third. The next in order were:—Tyack, Watson, G. Evans, Saunders-Jones, S. E. Lewis, A. L. Thomas, and Corbett.

The time was 26 min. 10 sec., which has only once before been beaten. As most of the promising juniors will be under age next year, next March should see some racing of more than usual interest.

The Senior Race started soon after 3-15. A somewhat smaller field than usual lined up by the hurdles, and Baker Jones was always winning. Matthews, who was thought most likely to press him, was unlucky to fall rather heavily at the Gwdi Brook, and this severe shaking probably cost him any small chance he had. As it was he finished third with C. F. Parry, who ran gamely, next home after Baker Jones. H. Jones was fourth and finished so freshly that it is evident that with increased pace he may be a dangerous candidate for first honours in the future. H. S. Davies was fifth, and L. G. Lewis sixth, both running well, and the next in order were:—Hoskins, Parker, Saunders Davies, and J. S. Eynon.

Several others finished at various intervals, but Boothby, a promising runner in the past, was a disappointing addition to the go as you please brigade.

Baker Jones' time was good, 35 min. 50 secs., and only inferior to those recorded in 1906 and 1911. With favourable conditions he may very well cut record next spring.

It is a noticeable fact that for the first time since the establishment of the Steeplechases in 1904 the name of Tudor fails to occur among the leaders in the race. The record of these two brothers, who for eight successive years never failed to win a prize between them, will not be easily surpassed.

GOLF COMPETITION.

Unfortunately the weather has been all against Golf this term and casual water has been very much in evidence. The usual stroke competition was played on Saturday, March 23rd. The course was very wet and it was necessary to omit the third hole altogether and play two extra holes in its place. Under the circumstances the scores returned were very satisfactory, though one competitor, who shall be nameless, set up what is we believe a new record for the course by taking 218 strokes. The following were the 12 best cards:—

			Gross.		Handicap.		Nett.
E. R. Gibbon ...	...	...	91	...	16	...	75
T. Parry ...	...	...	104	...	25	...	79
J. Cooper ...	...	...	95	...	10	...	85
V. G. Davies ...	...	...	106	...	20	...	86
P. C. Matthews ...	...	...	102	...	10	...	92
R. J. Richards ...	...	...	112	...	20	...	92
W. A. Mordey ...	...	...	118	...	25	...	93
R. S. Davies ...	...	...	94	...	Scratch.	...	94
G. M. O. Evans ...	...	...	98	...	4	...	94
I. S. Jenkins ...	...	...	104	...	8	...	96
E. F. Thomas ...	...	...	108	...	12	...	96
J. W. Gibbon...	...	...	115	...	18	...	97

E. R. Gibbon won the Scratch Prize and T. Parry the Handicap Prize.

On Wednesday, March 27th, the Masters defeated the School by seven matches to one.

PUBLICATIONS.

“THE ARENA.” Iliffe and Sons. Monthly, One Shilling.

We have received a copy of this monthly magazine for review. Dealing, as it does, with every side of Public School and University life, it should interest every Public School boy, past or present.

It is a handsomely illustrated paper, and contains interesting articles on the sport and life of the different Universities and Schools, including a series of interesting articles on the great Public Schools.

The number before us treats of subjects as diverse as The Oxford Union Society, The Blackheath Football Club, and The Streets of Cambridge.

We think this paper is a valuable acquisition to Public School and University literature, and is deserving of support from Public School men, as its avowed purpose is not to compete with the established school magazines, but rather to interest those “Old Boys” who have lost touch with their old schools.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

Term began Wednesday, January 17th, and ends Wednesday, April 3rd.

The School Prefects this term are E. F. Thomas, A. J. Ll. Rees, and W. L. Hoskins. The Editors of *The Breconian* are E. F. Thomas, W. L. Hoskins, J. Cooper, and A. B. G. Biggerton Evans.

At the beginning of the term, during the very cold weather, several members of the School indulged in tobogganning and skating.

At a meeting of the School, held in the Big School on January 19th, J. Cooper was elected Hockey Captain for the ensuing term.

Owing to kind permission of the Headmaster, a few members of the School have been permitted to attend the Oxford University Extension Lectures on the "English Novelists," held in the Church House.

On Tuesday, January 30th, we had an extra half-holiday for skating, and on March 1st for St. David's Day. On March 11th, the Choir received a half-holiday.

On Wednesday, January 31st, we enjoyed a dramatic recitation of "David Copperfield" by the Rev. Runnells Moss. It was the first time most of us had heard anything of the sort, and we thoroughly enjoyed it. On Saturday, February 24th, Mr. Hume Hitchcock gave us an interesting lecture on "Athabasca Landing."

L. M. Dyke (O.B.) was selected to play for Wales v. Ireland in football, but was unfortunately unable to turn out. He was among the reserves picked for all the other International matches.

Rev. W. E. (Barmouth) Jones (O.B.) was selected to play against Ireland for Wales in hockey, but could not turn out. We note that he has been picked again to play against England at Huddersfield.

W. R. Jarman (O.B.), B.A., F.I.A., Assistant Principal of the Accountants Branch in the National Debt Office, has been appointed Actuary to the Welsh Insurance Commission.

Congratulations to G. Llewellyn (O.B.), who received a presentation from the Lord Mayor of Cardiff for assisting to keep the pit ponies alive at Llwynypia during the recent Cambrian strike.

On Friday, February 9th, the School Prefects, in the name of the School, presented Mr. Donaldson with a silver paper weight as a mark of appreciation of his many years service as President of the Games Committee.

J. D. Innes (O.B.) appears to be achieving fame as a post impressionist artist. His work has been favourably commented on by local critics.

We regret to record the death of Arthur Gilbertson (O.B.), which took place at Pontardawe early in this month. He was an old boy of a very early generation, and well known in the Swansea district. We have also heard of the deaths of two former masters, Mr. A. J. Tuckwell and the Rev. W. S. Borrow. Many old boys will share our sorrow in recording these sad events.

Congratulations to H. E. R. Stephens (O.B.) on the occasion of his marriage in January last, and to F. R. Stephens (O.B.) on his engagement to Miss Dorothy Large.

C. V. C. Davies (O.B.) has passed the Final Examination of the Incorporated Law Society.

E. F. Thomas, our present Senior Editor and Senior Prefect, was elected in December last to an Exhibition of £30 a year for Natural Science at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. We offer congratulations—better late than never—for his well-deserved success, news of which arrived too late for our last issue.

On Wednesday, March 6th, there was a paperchase for the whole School. It proved, however, something of a failure, owing to the inability of the hares to lay sufficient trail. We should like to suggest also that the distance be diminished in future, in consideration of the smaller members of the School.

At the end of last term a very pleasant House Supper was held in the School House. The customary speeches were enlivened by a more than usually successful musical programme. Except for the unavoidable absence of the Head Master and Mrs. Chambers, it would be hard to imagine a happier or more enjoyable gathering.

The following O.B.'s have been playing football regularly for the leading clubs:—L. M. Dyke (Cardiff), J. B. James (Pontypool), and J. V. Rees (Oxford University and the Harlequins). Most of our Oxford contingent of O.B.'s have been also actively engaged in College football.

We are glad to record that the Rev. A. E. C. Morgan (O.B.) has made an excellent recovery from his recent serious illness, and is now Curate at Wombwell, near Barnsley. Before leaving Wales he played one more game of football for Neath.

J. Gifford (O.B.) was selected to play for the Argentine v. the M.C.C. in a recent "Test Match."

On Tuesday, April 2nd, performances of Stainer's "Crucifixion" will be given in Chapel. The Choir will have the assistance for the occasion of some solo voices and of several Old Breconians.

The Junior Games Football Cups have been awarded as follows:—Backs, G. Yendoll, and forwards, H. Jones.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Munns, we have now a House Hockey Cup, which has been competed for on the same lines as other House Competitions.

The Football Kicking Competition at the end of last term was won by J. Cooper.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs, — On looking over the back numbers of "The Breconian" in the Library, I was surprised to find that by some oversight "The Breconian" of each term in both 1907 and 1908 are missing. It is impossible to bind the last few volumes until these numbers have been obtained, may I, through the medium of your columns, appeal to the generosity of those who have surplus copies of any or all the required numbers to help to make good this deficit?

I am, yours truly,

"BIBLIOTHECARIUS."

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,—During the past term we have had the pleasure of hearing two excellent lectures. Of late, in the daily papers certain statements have been made about the School, which have been happily refuted as absolutely untrue. Would it not be possible for the present generation to hear something of the past history of their own School, and hence become a means of preventing such statements being spread through the medium of the press?

Yours, etc.,

"CARWR Y GWIRIONEDD."

[A good suggestion. We think such a lecture would be most interesting and valuable.—EDD.]

Too thee Editurs ov *thee Brekonium*.

DEER SURS,—I hav a litl proposishun too mayk. I hav notisd that thee simplifide orthografeec iz mayking eenormus strides in Amerreekur. Under this sistem there r noe deemands upon thee brayn ov thee stewdent.

Wood it not grateli fasilitayt thee eddewkashun ov thee yungur memburs ov this skool, if thay had noe komplikaytd speling too lurn? Hoeping that this suggesshun wil meet with yure approoval,

I am, yures sincereli,

"THE PICKLE-JAR."

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,

I wish to give testimony to the sterling honesty of those inhabitants of Brecon who live near this School. During the Coal Strike, when there was the greatest possible hardship around us, not a shred of that aged pile of well-seasoned timber, in the far corner of the Cricket Field, colloquially known as the "Pavil," was taken. Could it therefore be distributed for firewood among the poor?

I am, yours sincerely,

F.S.C.

To the Editors of *The Breconian*.

DEAR SIRs,

I will not start my letter by apologizing for occupying any of your valuable space, for, in my experience, you are only too glad to have that space filled, even by complaints. My suggestion is that a Register of Past Members of this School should be issued. There would, I am sure, be a ready sale for such a book among Old Breconians and other friends of the School.

I am, yours sincerely,

N.P.B.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Rudge" and "Sunbeam." Your letter duly received. We cannot print it, as it violates the well-known rule that all letters must be accompanied by the writer's actual name (not necessarily for publication) as a sign of good faith.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following contemporaries:—"Bromsgrovian," "Cheltonian" (2), "Erasmian," "Fettesian," "Herefordian," "Llandovery School Journal," "Luctonian," "Malvernian," (2), "Marlburian" (4), "Patesian," "Portmuthian," "Tonbridgian," "Swansea Grammar School Magazine."



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